

'Wish He Were Alive,' Sirhan Says of RFK

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Condemned killer Sirhan Bishara Sirhan has told an interviewer that he thinks the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy was worth both their lives, but that he wishes the Senator were still alive.

"Every morning when I get up, sir, I say I wish that son-of-a-gun were alive, that I wouldn't have to be here now," the 25-year-old Palestinian Arab said in an NBC news interview.

Q. Oh, well, that's why you wish he were alive. But you wish he were alive so that you wouldn't be in jail.

A. No, I wish he were alive, sir, just to be President.

The interview was conducted by Jack Perkins, NBC news correspondent, in the Los Angeles County Jail May 22, the day after Sirhan for-

mally was sentenced to die in the San Quentin gas chamber.

NBC reportedly paid Sirhan \$12,000 for the interview. It is scheduled for television network broadcast Tuesday night.

Sirhan's statements on NBC paralleled to a great extent his testimony during his recent 15-week trial.

At one point Sirhan was asked if he felt he had accomplished something.

He answered: Although I think that the world, sir, has—should know that 20 years of suffering deprivation, of injustice for the Palestinian Arab people, sir, is enough.

Q. Well, you think your case has brought this to their attention.

A. I think whatever little attention it has brought, sir, is worth it—my life and regrettably that of Mr. Kennedy's.